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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: amendment filed 2/24/04 to the application filed on 12/05/01.
2. Claim 7 is canceled.
3. Claims 1-6, 8-20 are pending in the case. Claim 1 is the independent claim.
4. The objection of claim 8 as including the informalities has been withdrawn in view of the amendment.
5. The rejections of claims 2-6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph have been withdrawn in view of Applicants' arguments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-6, 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Regarding claims 1-6, 8-20, the claims are directed to the structure of the XML-based document, which is merely the data structure representing descriptive material per se, and thus is not statutory. See MPEP 2105.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1-6, 8-20 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Takaoka et al., (US Pat Application Publication No. US 2002/00593337 A1, 5/16/02, filed 9/10/01).

Regarding independent claim 1, Takaoda discloses:

- the XML-based document includes text for plural pages as well as page-information text, wherein the page-information text is delimited by page-information element types that define location in the document of the text for each of the plural pages (figures 2B, 3B, [0044], [0049], [0052]-[0054])
- the document-resource text that specifies a location pointer in the XML-based document for resources used by pages in the XML-based document ([0056]-[0059], [0060], figure 2B: the INDEX tag mentioned in [0059] is contained in figure 2B which shows a document-resource text that specifies a *location pointer* in the XML-based document for resources used by pages in the XML-based document; the INDEX tag includes the “idref” *for indicating* the id of an electronic

source document and “efilepage” *for indicating* a use page number of the electronic source document corresponding to the id where each page in a XML-based document, via a page indicated number, is a location pointed to)

Regarding claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, Takaoka discloses the page-directory text which includes the page-information text, the page-directory text being delimited by page-directory element types which contain at least one page-information element for each of the plural pages (figure 2A, [0051]-[0054]: document summary includes the page-information text).

Regarding claim 3, which is dependent on claim 2, Takaoka discloses that the directory information text which includes the page-directory text, the directory-information text being delimited by the directory-information types that specify the number of the plural pages and which contains the page-directory elements ([0051]-[0052]).

Regarding claim 4, which is dependent on claim 3, Takaoka discloses the thumbnail-information text that defines a graphic for each of the plural pages, the thumbnail-information text being delimited by the thumbnail-information element types (figures 2B, [0052]).

Regarding claim 5, which is dependent on claim 3, Takaoka discloses the thumbnail-directory text, which includes the thumbnail-information text, which is delimited by the thumbnail-directory element types ([0052], figure 2B).

Regarding claim 6, which is dependent on claim 3, Takaoka discloses the document-attribute text delimited by document-attribute element types and that specify attributes of the document (figure 2B, [0047], [0048]).

Regarding claim 8, which is dependent on claim 7, Takaoka discloses a directory-table list element that includes the document-resource text and at least an indirect reference to the page-information text ([0060], [0055]-[0059]).

Regarding claim 9, which is dependent on claim 8, Takaoka discloses the document-directory-table text delimited by document-directory-table types and that provides location information of the directory-table-list text ([0056]: page index holds information that indicates the position of each page-bit-mapped portion of electronic source documents).

Regarding claim 10, which is dependent on claim 1, Takaoka discloses that the page-information text is included in document-directory information stored in the XML-based document (figure 2B, [0052]-[0058]).

Regarding claim 11, which is dependent on claim 10, Takaoka discloses that the document-directory information is stored at or near the end of the XML-based document (figures 2B and 3A: the page index is stored near the end of the XML-based document).

Regarding claim 12, which is dependent on claim 11, Takaoka discloses a directory-exists element delimited by directory-exists element types, the directory-exists elements directly or indirectly defining the location of the document-directory information, the directory-exists element being located at or near the beginning the XML-based document (figure 2B, [0048]: this portion holds the information of the source documents, located near the beginning of the XML document and indirectly defining the location of the document-directory information of the number of pages included in the document as in [0056]).

Regarding claim 13, which is dependent on claim 1, Takaoka discloses that the XML-based document is comprised of an SVG-based document ([0115], figure 4).

Regarding claim 14, which is dependent on claim 3, Takaoka discloses an authoring tool for an XML-based document according to any one of claims 1-13 ([0004]-[0010], [0060], [0066]).

Regarding claims 15-17, which are dependent on claim 14, Takaoka discloses that the authoring tool is comprised of a printer driver, a stand-alone application, and is a plug-in to another application program ([0148], [0150], 0154], [0155]).

Regarding claim 18, which is dependent on any one of claims 1 to 13, Takaoka discloses a viewer parsing the XML-based document based on a current page being viewed and based on the page-information text, so as to render and display the current page (figure 2B: the XML document including plural pages where each page is defined in the XML codes of the document implies that for the purpose of displaying, the Internet browser should parse the document for the current page or any selected page in the document).

Regarding claims 19 and 20, which are dependent on claim 18, Takaoka discloses that the viewer is comprised of a stand-alone application and the viewer is a plug-in to another application program (figure 2B: it was well known that the Internet browser for browsing the XML document, as mentioned in claim 18, can be a XML-compliant browser, which is a stand-alone application or a Netscape Explorer, which is a plug-in to another application program).

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed 2/23/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue that sections [0059] and [0060] in Takaoka do not disclose the document-resource text that specifies a location pointer in the XML-based document for resources used by pages in the XML-based document (Remarks, page 8).

Examiner does not agree completely.

Section [0059] of Takaoka does mention the INDEX tag from sections [0056]-[0058] and figure 2B. Figure 2B shows a document-resource text that specifies a *location pointer* in the XML-based document for resources used by pages in the XML-based document.

The "idref" and the "efilepage" included in the INDEX tag of the XML-based document in which the "idref" is *for indicating* the id of an electronic source document and "efilepage" is *for indicating* a use page number of the electronic source document corresponding to id where each page in a XML-based document, via a page number, is a location pointed to. Therefore, [0059] as cited before, and the sections [0056]-[0058] and figure 2B related to [0059] do teach the argued feature.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Logan (US Pat No. 6,665,659 B1, 12/16/03, filed 2/1/00).

Anderson et al. (US Pat No. 6,510,434 B1, 1/21/03, filed 12/29/99).

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cong-Lac Huynh whose telephone number is 703-305-0432. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 703-308-5186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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